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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 12, line 1 with the following:

Namely, before filling the contents, the A component is protected by the B component that has an oxygen gas barrier characteristics and is prevented from being consumed by the surrounding oxygen, so that it maintain maintains its oxygen absorbing capability. However, when the contents are filled, the water component gradually reaches through the C component the B component dispersed in the C component, which causes the B component to lose its oxygen barrier characteristics, whereby the A component included therein covered thereby exhibits an oxygen absorbing function. In particular, when the D component is used together with the A component, the oxygen absorbing function of the A component is improved. Further, when a layer of the resin having the water vapor transmission rate described above is used as the innermost layer, it will improve the sealing characteristics for the contents and reduce the risk of the A component undergoing elusion while maintaining an oxygen absorbing function of the adjacent resin layer.

